

SYNDICATE SELLS FORGED PASSPORTS

Ignorant Immigrants Imposed Upon by Agents With Fraudulent Naturalization Papers.

SWINDLE ALARMS AUTHORITIES

Documents Found on Passengers of the Important Steamship Lines Carrying Heavy Travel to American Ports.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Washington, July 18.—Investigations made by the immigration and other authorities have disclosed the fact that frauds in naturalization papers and passports extend to all parts of Europe, and that they have assumed such proportions that the authorities are alarmed.

Reports are also being received from all seaports where the foreigners come in large numbers, telling of the finding of scores of sets of these papers, which have been seized and destroyed.

The government has a board of special inquiry at work in Baltimore, and it is this body which unearthed the Brandenburg frauds. The board is working daily on cases which the immigration and other authorities have learned that the papers are obtainable in Vienna, Paris, Berlin, and, in fact, all of the continental cities.

The holders as a usual thing say when caught that they bought the papers. Others allege that they received the documents from relatives. In a majority of the cases the holders of the papers did not mean to do any wrong.

The men are usually ignorant and they supposed they were really buying something that made them citizens of the United States.

In addition to the naturalization frauds, there has been a flood of bogus passports turned out at Agram, the principal town of Croatia, on which many people have slipped through the lines of officers at the seaports whose duty it is to keep out undesirable visitors from abroad.

Persons 43 years old have been held up within the last week, because they have had passports for 20 years.

Descriptions and many other things have failed to tally and from now on unless the applicant for admission, and unless the immigration and other authorities have the chance of evading the vigilance of the inspectors.

HIP BROKEN BY A MAD COW.

Mrs. Pilkington, Patient at City Hospital, Had Narrow Escape.

Mrs. Ellen Pilkington, 58 years old, of No. 815 Pennsylvania avenue, is at the City Hospital with a broken hip and an injured left arm caused by the mad attack of a cow with a young calf.

Mrs. Pilkington was attempting to separate the calf from the mother and had succeeded in doing so when she was attacked. The old lady was knocked down and probably would have been fatally gored had not her cries attracted the attention of neighbors to the stable in which the accident happened.

BOY DROWNS IN RIVER.

Harry Schultz Was Beyond His Depth and Is Swept Away.

Harry Schultz, 13 years old, was drowned while swimming in the river at the foot of Carroll street, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The boy, with several others, was paddling around in the water when he stepped from a ledge and got beyond his depth. The lads with him, it is said, ran away when they saw their playmate struggling in the water. Before other persons attracted by the lad's cries could rescue him he sank. The body has not been recovered.

BURGLAR DRESSED AS WOMAN.

Says He Became Robber on Advice of Fortune Teller.

New York, July 18.—It has developed that John Webber, the burglar who is locked up in the White Plains jail, changed with twenty thefts, traveled around the country sometimes dressed up like a woman. Wigs and dresses found in his home prove this assertion.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL CHOSEN.

Tumut, in New South Wales, in Rich Farming District.

Melbourne, Australia, July 18.—The committee to select the site for the new capital for the Federated Australian States has recommended Tumut, New South Wales, 204 miles southwest of Sydney.

Thought He Had Appendicitis.

Thinking he had appendicitis from eating coffee beans five years ago, James Brewer of No. 117 Chambers street went to the City Hospital for treatment a week ago.

A diagnosis, however, of his ailment proved that Brewer's fears were unfounded, and a simple operation by the hospital physicians for abscess relieved him entirely.

Should Be Known Everwhere.

The widest possible publicity should be given to the fact that summer diarrhoea in children and cholera infantum can always be cured by the judicious use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

National Meeting at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., July 18.—The five local lodges of the Knights of St. John at a joint meeting accepted the offer of the international body to hold their next annual convention in this city June 2, 1904.

You'll Profit Handsomely by Attending Our Sales Monday.

BESIDES the GREAT JULY CLEARING SALE, which involves every piece of summer merchandise in the store, there is an extraordinary sale of fine HOSIERY, a great sale of LINENS and an astounding sale of CARPETS and DRAPERIES.

Silk-Warp Mull, 3c Yd. Dress Sateen, 19c Yd. Dotted Swiss, 10c Yd. Imported Pique, 9c Yd.

GRAND LEADER. The Fastest-Growing Store in America. We Close Daily at 5 O'Clock. Saturdays at 1.

Bedspreads, \$1.19. Boys' Wash Waists. Women's Tan Oxfords. Boys' Knee Pants.

Wash Fabrics Sacrificed. You will be interested to learn that those beautiful summer fabrics seen on the main floor have been greatly reduced in price.

Nearly 15,000 Pairs of Men's and Women's Finest Hosiery. All Samples on Sale at About Half Their Actual Worth. THE MOST IMPORTANT HOSIERY SALE OF THE YEAR TAKES PLACE TO-MORROW.

Sheets and Pillow Cases. We are quoting prices on Sheets and Pillow Cases made of the well-known New York Mills and Lockwood Sateen.

Women's Wrappers. Women's dark percale and fancy light lawn House Wrappers, all neatly embroidered trimmed yokes.

Outer Garments for Women Are Priced Amazingly Low. We will not "carry over" a single garment. Every one of them MUST be sold this season. This result is at such prices as will sell them on sight.

Embroideries. Embroidery Edging and Inserting in Nainsook, Swiss and Cambrie, very dainty as well as showy patterns.

Silks Reduced 1/3 and 1/2. 85c Checked Taffeta Silk, 49c a Yard. 75c Black Taffeta Silk at 59c a Yard.

Linen Saved From the Fire of M. Haas & Son, Church St., New York. On sale Monday in the Basement. This is an opportunity for buying all kinds of housekeeping linens at prices close to half.

Beautiful Robes Cost a Trifle. Linen Robes in white and color, artistically trimmed with real Cluny lace.

Sale of Underwear Samples for Men, Women and Children. The Ely-Walker Dry Goods Co. of this city sold us an immense lot of sample underwear for about 50c on the dollar.

Furniture Prices Are Down to the Bottom. Iron Beds. Elastic Felt Mattress. Pantry Step Chairs. Folding Lawn Seesaws. Special Go-Cart Offer.

Midsummer Sale of Things You Need Round the House. SOAP—Lenox Laundry Soap—10 bars for 29c. Screen Windows—24 inches.

Sale of China Samples. The balance of our purchase of china samples from George Borghardt & Son, New York, will be placed on sale Monday.